

The A. P. of L. Weekly News Letter contains a brief summary of important matters affecting labor, according to the leading news, labor, and judicial facts, and such other information that will benefit the trade union movement.

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# LABOR'S POLITICAL PROGRAM INCLUDES FINANCES

Organized labor points to another moral in the statement by John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency, that a handful of New York bankers daily set interest rates on renewal loans. The federal official says:

"The unwholesome influence of the money market on the economy of the nation is a fact of which the public is becoming increasingly aware. The federal official says that a coterie of New York bankers set interest rates to a prohibitive degree. Millions of dollars of profit are realized, and industry is hampered, while the 'respectable citizen' pays 'high' wages are required for present conditions."

In its non-partisan political program, labor states that credit is social and should be controlled by government and not by bankers. At present, under the control of private financiers, it (credit) is administered in such a way as to keep the wheels of production, but the desire of financial agencies to levy a toll on the community as a whole is the traffic will bear.

"Credit as now administered does not serve industry, it burdens it. It increases unearned incomes at the expense of earned incomes. It is the center of the malvolent forces that corrupt the spirit and purpose of industry."

When labor presents a statement like this, the condition of the nation is raised. It is the center of the malvolent forces that corrupt the spirit and purpose of industry."

When labor urges its fellow citizens to open their thinking and vote an independent ballot, the cuckoo for reaction assume a patriotic pose and talk about "the menace of class."

When labor is opposed to class rule, the cheap appeals to patriotism by special privilege is designed to cloak their sinister purpose.

Labor will eventually wrest the power to control credit—power over the nation's lifeblood—from the hands of the few. Labor will eventually defeat every other reactionary force.

One campaign is but a skirmish. Labor "digs in." It has overthrown many injustices and it will continue its march toward the Americanism and true democracy.

## GRANT HAMILTON IS DEAD.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Grant Hamilton, 42, died at his home in the Hotel Hamilton, New York, today. He was a member of the American Federation of Labor and was well known to the trade union movement. He was a member of the A. F. of L. for many years.

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## WOMEN IN INDUSTRY.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Approximately 1,000 women are employed in industry in this country, according to a report by the federal board for vocational education.

Since 1918 women in the iron and steel industry have increased from 100,000 to 150,000. In the automobile industry, the increase has been from 50,000 to 75,000.

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## DEATHS IN INDUSTRY.

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## EVADU PUBLICATION.

Indianapolis, Oct. 22.—Coal owners in this state, who talk about the right to strike, are now being sued by the state for evading publication of their contracts.

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## WORKING WAGE LAW UPHOLD.

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## DISCUSSES IMMIGRANTS.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 22.—In an address before the state assembly, the governor discussed the problem of immigration.

## PROBE BUILDING TRUST.

New York, Oct. 22.—A committee of the state legislature is probing the building trust.

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## Oregon's Anti-Intervention Law Upheld; Workers May Picket

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## Causes For British Mine Strike

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Result: Defeat of proposed legislation that would make the union shop impossible, would outlaw mine strikes, would permit coal owners to put the families of striking miners on the roads, and disfranchise many workers by repealing the absentee voters' law.

Trade unionists have been active in the non-partisan movement. At the polls this spring they almost defeated the state Senator Underwood, who claimed to be the original "can't-strike" advocate in the senate. Senator Underwood will hold his position for another term, but the narrow margin of his victory is not relied by state legislators, who do not fancy being retires to private life. So when an industrial court bill for the mining industry, patterned after the Kansas law, was introduced, it died in committee.

Three election bills were defeated in the senate by a vote of 22 to 22. The legislation was initiated by coal owners and was designed to break the strike of miners who are demanding a living wage. If the bill passed the families of miners would be thrown out of company houses.

Another piece of vicious legislation would forbid organizations of workers that are based on collective bargaining and self help, rather than on dependence of the bosses. This law was reported favorably by the committee, but labor made such a hot fight against it that the legislature adjourned without taking action.

Another proposal favored by corporations would repeal the absentee voters' law. Organized labor is responsible for this legislation, which permits working people to vote in the state. Friends of corporations do not need this legislation as they can afford to travel and a strong fight was made to disfranchise the workers. The scheme failed.

Alabama trade unionists are jubilant over their victory, which is a practical reply to opponents and critics of organized labor's political policy.

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